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## MYSTERIOUS MURDER

E. Hagood Victim of  
by an Unknown.

WAS INSTANTANEOUS.

Head at Early Hour  
Wednesday Morning.

He is in the throes of great  
over the murder of Mrs.  
Hagood, which took place be-  
tween two o'clock on Wednes-  
day morning of this week at her home  
in Lexington.

A period of time named Mrs.  
Hagood and a noise in the direction  
of the house aroused her husband  
Mr. Hagood. After listening awhile  
he concluded that his wife had  
necessarily alarmed and did  
not bed.

The woman. She not only left  
the house and went in the  
direction of the barn and several  
men were located. Shortly  
after the house the report of a  
shot rang out upon the  
night and upon investi-  
gation Hagood was found in the  
barn upon her face, with life  
had been shot in the back  
with a 32 calibre bullet  
causing death.

A mystery surrounds the shoot-  
ing. A burglar and thief seldom  
descent in self-defense and the  
back of the head makes it  
impossible for Mrs. Hagood was in the  
barn, who could have  
immediate danger when the  
was fired. However, it seems  
as if the tragedy to  
be a mystery. Conditions may have  
been such that she did not suggest themselves  
to her. One thing is sure,  
that if Mrs. Hagood was  
some night prisoner  
from her premises the  
most successfully made  
escape and covered up every  
thing lead to his identity.

Weedon was summoned and  
arrived Wednesday morn-  
ing. He was accompanied by Horace F. Black-  
burn, attorney, and a deputy  
was decided, however, not  
formal inquest until Friday.

General of Mrs. Hagood took  
place and was largely at-  
tended by a large number of  
people.

Woman was a daughter  
of John Peacock, who was a  
son of Higginsville. She  
three years of age and leaves  
and five children.

Way of Soliciting.

Members of the Methodist  
church in course of construction  
at Higginsville have adopted a novel  
and most effective plan of  
fund-raising. Enclosed in an en-  
velope member sends a friend  
containing a slip of  
paper with four round holes cut  
at the half dollar, quarter  
cent piece. Underneath  
is a printed request  
to be filled (if not all) and that  
the envelope that contained  
the request is returned to its original  
owner. Attached to the end of the  
slip of mangled paper that  
they over the coin and makes  
them detection while being  
sent through the mail. Quite  
a number of these have been received  
and the response is  
large.

Church that is being construct-

cost \$6,500, \$5,000 of which  
is to be raised by popular  
subscription, and the above is one of  
the methods adopted in accomplish-  
ing the work.

ing Party Returned.

Colorado hunting party has  
returned home. Oscar Thomas ar-  
rived Thursday morning and Ed-  
ward, John, Young and son,  
John Welborn and George F.  
arrived in Thursday evening. The  
trip in the mountains about  
Higginsville from Glenwood Springs  
and a royal outing although  
a round to be scarce owing  
great number of hunters in  
the area.

## COUNTY CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.

Organization Bound to Result in  
Good to Missouri.

S. B. Thornton, deputy county  
clerk of Lafayette county and one of  
the cleverest fellows to be found in a  
week's travel, who was made assistant  
secretary of the county clerks' associa-  
tion of Missouri at the recent meeting  
held in St. Louis, will leave in a few  
days for St. Joseph to assist Secretary  
Nash, clerk of Buchanan county, in  
perfecting for publication the minutes  
of the 1901 meeting.

Of the 114 county clerks in Missouri  
eighty or ninety are enrolled in this as-  
sociation, although its organization  
reaches back only three years. The  
association is valuable not only to its  
members socially but has business  
features that interest directly the tax-  
payers of the various counties. The  
county clerk is closer than any other  
officer in his county to those features  
of government that appertain to road,  
school and assessment laws and it can  
only result in good to the people for  
these men to meet annually and give  
their respective ideas on these matters.  
An exchange of views by men of simi-  
lar avocation is always profitable.  
These meetings are bound to lead to  
better and more effective legislation  
appertaining to county affairs and  
such an association should have been  
organized in Missouri years ago.

No association in the state of Mis-  
souri is made up of a better class of  
men. That they have the confidence  
of their people is attested by the posi-  
tions they hold.

The present officers of the associa-  
tion are: E. McWilliams of Clinton  
county, president; A. J. Lee of Car-  
roll county, first vice president; R. H.  
Gray of Pettis county, second vice  
president; S. A. Stucke of Jasper  
county, third vice president; R. M.  
Nash of Buchanan county, secretary;  
S. B. Thornton of Lafayette county,  
assistant secretary; Geo. C. Orchard  
of Bates county, assistant secretary;  
C. B. Pfeiffer of Sullivan county, treas-  
urer. Executive committee: R. M.  
Nash of Buchanan, T. S. Reed of An-  
drew, B. F. Murdock of Platte, R. H.  
Gray of Pettis, S. B. Thornton of La-  
fayette, Silas Riggs of DeKalb and  
John Adamson of Lawrence.

The INTELLIGENCER wishes this as-  
sociation the fullest measure of suc-  
cess and bespeaks for it a useful  
career in Missouri.

## MISS DOWDEN'S LECTURE.

Narcotics Discussed—Particular At-  
tention to Cigarette Habit.

Miss Anna Dowden, who was raised  
in this city, but who has been absent  
for many years, lectured in the  
Christian church last Sunday night,  
her subject being "Narcotics." She  
made no attempt at eloquence, but  
several times she became eloquent in  
spite of herself. She touched lightly  
on the whisky question, and then  
quickly passed to the tobacco habit.  
She was unsparing in her denunciation  
of the filthy habit of chewing and  
spitting, and her picture of the old  
man, sans teeth with tobacco juice run-  
ning from the corners of his mouth,  
straining his white beard and his shirt  
bosom, was almost enough to make a  
veteran swear off. But even her de-  
nunciation of the chewing habit was  
mild to the manner in which she went  
after the cigarette fiend. That "nim-  
ble fingered dude" was held up to  
scorn. She showed that cigarettes  
were made of the vilest compound,  
gathered from the spittoons of hotels  
and railroad stations; that the com-  
pound was doctored with opium, and  
made up into cigarettes or sold as  
cigarette tobacco.

She showed that boys who have been  
addicted to the cigarette habit only for  
a short time, invariably fall behind  
their classes in school, and the longer  
the habit is kept up the more impos-  
sible they become, and that it is now stig-  
matized for any boy who uses cigarettes to  
pass from the public schools into the  
high schools of our cities. Miss Dow-  
den is engaged in this work by the W.  
C. T. U., and has entered upon the  
work with her whole heart. Her lec-  
ture should be heeded by the boys and  
young men; and if kind words are not  
sufficient to break the habit, we would  
recommend parents to a judicious use  
of the law. Miss Dowden has our  
approval in her good work.

## REUNION OF QUANTRELL'S COMMAND.

Annual Gathering Held at Little Blue Church in Jackson  
County this Week.

### SOMETHING OF THE NOTED ORGANIZATION.

Frank James was Present—Monument to Brave Women.  
Those in Attendance, Etc.

The scattered remnants of Quantrell's  
command during the civil war held a  
reunion at Little Blue church up in  
Jackson county this week, the point of  
their mobilization when they first en-  
tered into the service. Of the 250 in  
the original command only about fifty  
are now alive. Of those who followed  
Quantrell into Kentucky only three re-  
main, Frank James, John Graham,  
a prosperous Jackson county farmer,  
and John Barnhill, clerk in a mercan-  
tile establishment at Kansas City.

FRANK JAMES THERE.

The central figure at the reunion  
was Frank James the ex-bandit who  
prior to the time he was hounded by  
officers was a member of Quantrell's  
band. "The old veterans crowded  
around the ex-bandit from the time he  
alighted from the Chicago & Alton  
train until he left in the evening for  
the Bedford, Ind., race track where he  
is employed temporarily. Frank James  
never missed a confederate reunion or  
a meeting of Quantrell's men. He  
was on hand early Monday morning  
and exchanged stories with the griz-  
zled old warriors.

The youngest looking man at the  
gathering was James. He is 38 years  
old but looks much younger. He was  
dressed in a natty business suit and his  
high collar and dressy fedora hat were  
in striking contrast to the garb of  
other survivors. That Frank James  
was near to the hearts of the old  
guerrillas was shown when the date of  
the reunion was changed solely to ac-  
commodate the ex-bandit who was un-  
der contract to start horses in Indiana.  
The date was changed to a day earlier  
than was originally intended.

"I followed Quantrell all during the  
war," said Frank, reminiscently gaz-  
ing across the cultivated fields of pros-  
perous farmers. "I was but a boy  
when I joined his command. I had  
been in the confederate army. While  
at my old home near Kearney I heard  
that Quantrell was in Jackson county,  
so I decided to enlist under his flag. I  
met Bill Gregg, Quantrell's first lieuten-  
ant, in Clay county, and with him  
rowed across the Missouri river to this  
county and joined Quantrell at the  
Webb place on Blackwater ford of the  
Sni just a few miles from here. This  
was in May, 1863. I will never forget  
the first time I ever saw Quantrell. He  
was nearly six feet in height, rather  
thin, his hair and mustache was sandy  
and he was full of life and a jolly  
fellow. He had none of the air of the  
bravado or the desperado about him.  
We all loved him at first sight and  
every man under his command was  
tried and true. He was a demon in  
battle and did not know what it was to  
be afraid."

"Who was the bravest man in the  
guerrilla band?" some one asked.

"That would be difficult to answer.  
For a time a traitor could have earned  
\$50,000 by betraying Quantrell. Every  
man was brave and had absolute con-  
fidence in the gallant leader. I was  
with him in Kentucky when he met his  
death in the fight just south of Louis-  
ville. The fight occurred after Lee's  
surrender and after the defeat of our  
leader the guerrilla band broke up and  
the few survivors returned to Missouri  
soil."

EYE FOR EYE—TOOTH FOR TOOTH.

It was on the morning of March 20,  
1862, that Quantrell's men met at Lit-  
tle Blue church. Without waiting to  
discuss any plans for future movements  
against the federals, the guerrilla chief  
ordered his men to forage for break-  
fast. During the progress of a meal a  
farmer living in the neighborhood rode  
up to Quantrell and handed him a  
copy of the Missouri Republican, a  
which contained General Halleck's

order. The steel-eyed guerrilla read  
the order which meant certain death to  
him or any of his men if captured, and  
without a word of comment finished his  
breakfast. As soon as the meal was  
ended the men assembled on their  
horses in the grove where the picnic  
was held this week.

"Comrades," said the chief calmly,  
"Listen to this order."

After it was read the guerrilla chief  
looked about him and said:  
"If there is a man in this command  
who does not want to follow me let  
him ride away. I propose to give an  
eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.  
We will kill the federals, just as they  
intend to exterminate us."

Of the sixty-two men who surrounded  
the leader twenty rode away. They  
were men from Johnson county, who  
had joined the band the day be-  
fore. A few weeks later they re-  
turned and pleaded with Quantrell to  
allow them to join his command. They  
were received without question and  
every one of the twenty proved as true  
as steel to the chief.

It was on that March morning in  
1862 that the Quantrell band started  
out on its career of recklessness and  
slaughter that will live as one of the  
most terrible chapters in the history of  
warfare.

### ORIGINAL ORGANIZATION.

"Quantrell was a resident of Ohio,"  
said John Vaughn, one of the veterans  
who was in attendance. "He was on his  
way across the plains to California and  
was attacked by Kansas Jawhawkers.  
During the engagement his brother was  
killed and his property was taken from  
him. At the moment his brother was  
killed Quantrell determined to have  
revenge. He pleaded for his life and in-  
duced the Jayhawkers to allow him to  
join the band. The party rode across  
the Missouri line and invaded this  
county. The plunderers, accompanied  
by Quantrell, decided to attack the  
Walker farm house, just two miles  
from this picnic ground, for the pur-  
pose of freeing the negroes there.  
While the plans were being made  
Quantrell notified the neighbors.  
When the attack was made Quantrell  
got his revenge. He turned on the  
Kansans, and with the assistance of  
Walker and several neighbors killed  
the men who wanted to free negroes.  
From that day Quantrell was the leader  
of the Quantrell guerrillas. There were  
but eight in the original band. There  
are but two survivors, William Jones  
of Blue Springs and myself."

The company was formally organized  
August 14, 1862, at the Widow In-  
gram's farm in the southern part of  
Jackson county. After the organiza-  
tion the band moved toward Inde-  
pendence and engaged in several  
skirmishes. Cole and Jim Younger  
were in all the battles. The first elec-  
tion of officers was held at David  
George's farm. The officers elected  
were: First lieutenant, William Hal-  
lar; second lieutenant, George Todd;  
orderly sergeant, William Gregg. Hal-  
lar was killed while asleep in camp  
near Grand river. George Todd, the  
best shot in the command, was killed in  
1864 while fighting on the old Lexing-  
ton road.

At the second election of officers  
H allar quarreled with Quantrell and  
left the command. Todd refused to be  
promoted and William Gregg was  
elected first lieutenant. Ferd Scott,  
elected third lieutenant, was killed at  
the battle of Westport at the same  
time William Scholl fell.

"Bill Anderson and Todd were very  
much alike," said G. C. Parr of Blue  
Springs. "They were mild and quiet  
when not engaged in battle, but fought  
like crazy men. Anderson would cry

like a child when he was fighting. He  
would become as wild as a maniac if  
the subject of federals was brought up.  
His mother and sisters had been mur-  
dered by soldiers and he thirsted for  
the blood of northerners."

### MONUMENT TO BRAVE WOMEN.

Speeches were made by Captain  
Thomas Todd, who fought in the  
regular line of the confederate army,  
William Gregg and Frank James. The  
latter stated that he believed that a  
monument should be erected to the  
brave women of Missouri.

"As poor as I am I will start the  
subscription list with \$50," said the old  
guerrilla, "and I know another man  
who will give another hundred." The  
matter will probably be taken up in  
the camp.

### THOSE PRESENT.

William Gregg, deputy sheriff, Kan-  
sas City; Ben Morrow, farmer, Lake  
City; Joe Vaughan, farmer, Oak  
Grove; Robert Jack, farmer, Atherton;  
Gabriel Parr, farmer, Blue Springs; J.  
J. and Hiram George, farmers, Oak  
Grove; John Barnhill, salesman, Kan-  
sas City; Frank James, St. Louis;  
Sim Whitsett, farmer, Lee's Summit;  
Levi Potts, farmer, Blue Springs;  
Martin Rider, minister, Chapel Hill;  
Thomas Webb, farmer, Independence;  
George Scholl, farmer, High Ridge,  
Mo.; Frank Greer, lawyer, Gram  
Valley; Hiram Guess, farmer, Hamil-  
ton; Jack Graham, farmer, Hiler;  
Frank Smith, farmer, Blue Springs; L.  
J. Brown, farmer, Bates City; Wil-  
liam Greer, banker, Lexington; W. S.  
Durrett, Marshall; Charles Duncan,  
merchant, Oak Grove; J. C. Ervin,  
Marshall; John Tucker, farmer, Hiler.

### Resolutions of Respect.

To the Noble Grand, Officers and  
Brethren of Wellington Lodge No.  
81, I. O. O. F. Wellington, Mo.

Your committee to whom was re-  
ferred the duty of reporting appro-  
priate resolutions expressive of the  
kind, friendly and fraternal feeling of  
the members of this lodge for our de-  
ceased brother, James A. Thorp and the  
esteem in which he was held, re-  
spectfully and fraternally report the  
following preamble and resolutions,  
and ask that the same be adopted.

Brother James A. Thorp was born in  
Lafayette county, Missouri, on the 23rd  
day of April, 1853, and died at his  
farm a few miles south of Wellington  
on the 14th day of July, 1901. He  
was never married. On the 29th day  
of December, 1900, he was duly  
initiated into and became a member of  
Wellington Lodge No. 81, I. O. O. F.,  
and so remained until his untimely re-  
moval by death. Brother James A.  
Thorp was the son of Col. Frank  
Thorp, one of the pioneers of this  
county who came to this county from  
Virginia at an early day. The family  
of which our deceased brother was a  
member was greatly respected and be-  
loved for their generous and large hos-  
pitality, their honesty, integrity and  
worth as patriotic, law-abiding citi-  
zens. And now that our beloved and  
worthy brother has been taken from us  
by the cold hand of death, and that his  
mortal remains have been tenderly  
consigned to the tomb with the honors  
and ceremonies of Oddfellowship, it is  
right and becoming that we should as  
friends and brothers testify as to his  
many virtues; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro.  
James A. Thorp this lodge has lost a  
true and worthy member, the commu-  
nity an upright, honest, and kind  
neighbor, his bereaved relatives a kind  
friend and affectionate brother.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympa-  
thize with the relatives of our deceased  
brother, in their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That as a last tribute of  
respect, we will clothe the turniture of  
the lodge in the habiliments of mourn-  
ing, and wear the usual badge of  
mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That the secretary be re-  
quested to enter the preamble and res-  
olutions upon the records of the lodge,  
to deliver a copy to the family of the  
deceased, and also to forward a copy  
to the Lexington INTELLIGENCER and  
Lexington News for publication.

Fraternally submitted,

J. L. CORSE,  
J. A. LOCKHART, } Com.  
H. B. CORSE.

Mrs. G. W. Hyde left Wednesday  
evening for Knobnoster to attend a  
meeting of the Ladies Missionary  
society.

## LEON CZOLGOSZ MUST DIE.

Found Guilty of the Murder of  
President McKinley.

### SHORTEST MURDER TRIAL ON RECORD

Personel of the Trial Jury—Emma  
Goldman out of Jail.

The jury that tried Czolgosz, the  
assassin of President McKinley, at  
Buffalo, New York, this week, was  
out just thirty minutes when a ver-  
dict of guilty was returned, which  
means death in the electrical chair to  
the lawless follower of Emma Gold-  
man.

The defense was merely per-  
functory—in fact there was no de-  
fense at all. The trial was the short-  
est on record, less than two days hav-  
ing been consumed in taking the tes-  
timony and hearing the arguments.  
The accused wanted to plead guilty.  
He remains indifferent and seems re-  
signed to his fate.

The makeup of the jury before  
which Czolgosz was tried may be found  
of interest. It is appended:

Frederick V. Lauer, plumber.  
Richard J. Garwood, builder.  
Hy. W. Wendt, manufacturer.  
Silas Carmer, farmer.  
James S. Stygall, plumber.  
William Loton, farmer.  
Walter E. Everett, blacksmith.  
Benjamin C. Ralph, bank clerk.  
Samuel P. Waldow, farmer.  
Andrew Smith, produce dealer.  
Joachim M. Mertens, boot and shoe  
dealer.

Robert J. Adams, contractor.  
All of the jurors selected to try  
Czolgosz admitted that they had  
formed opinions as to his guilt, yet  
were considered competent by both  
sides.

When the state closed its case  
Judge Lewis, of counsel for the de-  
fense, expressed surprise at the sud-  
den termination of proceedings on the  
part of the commonwealth. He  
stated that the defense had no evi-  
dence to offer and asked the privi-  
lege of addressing the jury at once  
which was granted by the court.

After quite a lengthy address,  
mainly eulogistic of the dead president,  
Judge Lewis said:

"Gentlemen, I have said all I have  
to say; I have said more, perhaps,  
than I ought to say. You have sworn  
to give him a fair trial on the evi-  
dence. Now, what is the evidence?  
I say, as it has been presented to you  
it fully substantiates the crime  
charged."

On Thursday Czolgosz was sentenced  
to be electrocuted in the Auburn pen-  
itentiary during the week beginning  
October 28.

### EMMA GOLDMAN FREED.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 24.—Emma  
Goldman, the anarchist lecturer, was  
liberated today after two weeks' in-  
carceration following the assassi-  
nation of the president.

Attorney Owens, for the city, in-  
formed Magistrate Prindiville that  
the upper court had freed the men  
named as Miss Goldman's co-conspir-  
ators and that there was no evidence  
against her.

"Dismissed for want of prosecution;  
call the next case," said the justice  
briefly, and in a moment Miss Gold-  
man was shaking hands with her  
anarchist friends who were in court.

"I have practically no plans for the  
future at present," she said. "I have  
promised to write articles for three  
magazines and journals, but otherwise  
my path is unmarked."

In company with Mrs. Abraham  
Isaak, wife of the anarchist editor,  
Miss Goldman entered a carriage and  
was driven to the Isaak home. A  
curious crowd watched her depart,  
but there was no demonstration.

The public schools at Higginsville  
are so crowded this year that the  
directors have been forced to fit up  
another room and employ another  
teacher. Miss Edna Reinhart is the  
new teacher employed, and she has  
been assigned work in the south  
building. Miss Edna is a good teacher  
and satisfactory work in the new  
room is assured.